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146TH FIGHTER-BOMBER WING
George Air Force Base
Victorville, California

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2 May 1952

Statement of Observer

I, Staff Sergeant David Darbyshire, AF28112058, 146th Air Police Squadron, do this date make the following statement concerning my observation on 1 May 1952 of certain unidentified flying objects:

1. The objects that I sighted were round and they appeared to be elliptical. I could not tell the size of these objects, as there was no basis for comparison, such as aircraft flying nearby at approximately the same altitude. They left no exhaust or vapor trail nor any sound. They were of a flat white color which did not leave any highlight or reflection from the sun. The last two of the five (5) seemed to come together, then pull away from each other. The speed was great, but lack of time in which to make observation prevented any accurate estimate. I was only able to keep the objects under observation for about 1/2 minute before they turned over the base and disappeared, heading north.

2. These objects were sighted at 1050 hours, Pacific Daylight Saving Time. This occurred about one hour after a cloud from an atom blast was sighted in the direction of Las Vegas.

3. They were observed on the ground by naked eye.

4. I was in the range tower on the George Air Force Base small arms range, 2 blocks east of the base Wherry Housing. The objects came from a south-easterly direction. They turned, making a slow arc to the north-west, then went in a northerly direction over the base and disappeared. No reliable estimate of altitude could be made by me. (See attached sketch.)

5. In civilian life, I worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as a plastic fabricator. I have studied art for 14 years and have done some commercial art work. I did not graduate from high school. I am married and have 1 child, 4 months old. I was in the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard for 3 years as platoon sergeant. I was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol. I have spent a large part of my life handling aircraft. I am well acquainted with aerodynamic theory.

6. There was a clear sky, no clouds, and the temperature was warm.

7. None.

8. None.

9. None. [REDACTED]

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